



## Rocktown Author Festival Attendee Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the Rocktown Author Festival?
  - Massanutten Regional Library (MRL)'s Rocktown Author Festival is an annual event that celebrates local authors and offers support to attendees who wish to become published authors. Rocktown Author Festival includes an open forum for the public to meet and greet local authors, purchase their works, and have books signed by the authors. The event also includes two panel sessions, led by local experts, designed to inform attendees about topics pertinent to the writing and publishing industry.
- When is the Rocktown Author Festival?
  - Saturday, April 13, 2024
- Where is the Festival held?
  - Massanutten Regional Library, 174 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801
- Is there a cost to attend?
  - The festival is free and open to the public, but advanced registration through MRL's website is requested to attend the two panels.
- What panels are being offered and who will be on them?
  - *Once authors and panels have been selected, details can be found at [www.mrlib.org/raf](http://www.mrlib.org/raf).*
- Where is parking?
  - Street parking is available all around the library, in downtown Harrisonburg. The Water Street parking garage is also available and less than a block away. Parking is free.
- Is handicapped parking available?
  - Yes. If you require handicapped parking, it is available in the back of the library. Should you need assistance, please call 540-434-4475 x122 or ring the doorbell at the staff entrance and someone will be there to assist. Please note: There is only one handicapped parking space available.
- What does the day look like at Rocktown Author Festival?
  - The Rocktown Author Festival runs from Noon – 4pm. There is the Author's Room where participating authors have their tables and attendees can visit with the authors, purchase books and get them signed or personalized. The Panel Room seats 150 and is set up for two panels during the day, each are 45 minutes including audience Q&A.
- Will you have activities for children?
  - Yes. We will have a designated area for children to participate in various crafts and/or activities.
- How do I pay for books purchased from authors?
  - Cash or credit card are usually best. Authors are responsible for accepting payment for items they sell. Some are set up with Square and able to accept credit cards. Others will only be able to accept cash.
- Is registration required to attend the festival?
  - Yes and No. Registration is required to attend one or more of the panel discussions. Registration is not required to visit the author room.

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- Will food and drink be available for purchase?
  - No, we encourage you to visit one of the many eateries located in downtown Harrisonburg before and/or after your visit to the Festival.
- Do I need to register everyone in my group to attend a panel discussion?
  - Yes, every person who will be sitting in a chair needs to be registered, so that we can adequately prepare the space.
- May I bring books from home to be signed?
  - Yes, you are welcome to bring your personal copies of books to be signed. We always enjoy seeing well-read favorites.
- I have been asked to fill out a survey, am I required?
  - Although you are not required, it is most helpful for us and for future Festivals that we receive your feedback. In order for us to grow, become better, and expand upon the Festival as it is would not be possible without your input.
- I still have a question!
  - Please send a message to [abruceckner@mrlib.org](mailto:abruceckner@mrlib.org) and we will be in touch.